

REMARKS

This a complete and timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 7, 2005. Claims 1-39 are allowed, and claims 40-43 are rejected.

1. Rejection of Claims 40-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

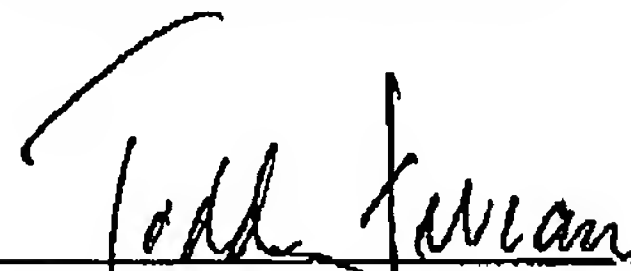
Claims 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by U.S. 6,552,123 to Katayama, et al.

Applicant has canceled claims 40 and 41. Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 42 and 43 appears to be in error. Claims 42 and 43 depend upon allowed claims 1 and 10 respectively. Since the base claims 1 and 10 are allowed, claims 42 and 43 should also be allowable.

2. Conclusion

The rejection under Section 102 is the only rejection presented in the Office Action. There being no other rejections presented, Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding rejections have now been traversed, and that pending Claims 42-43 are in condition for allowance, along with allowed claims 1-39. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite further examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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